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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of June 18, 2003. Applicants attempted to file this Response by facsimile on September 18, 2003, but did not receive a receipt from the Patent Office. It is Applicants' present understanding that the Patent Office was officially closed on September 18, 2003, due to Hurricane Isabel. Accordingly, it is believed that no extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this Response on September 19, 2003. However, if this is incorrect, and an extension of time is required, authorization is hereby granted to charge the fee associated with such an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 19-1970. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims are respectfully requested as set forth herein.